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- 1. AG ATTACHE REPORTED IN FATS AND OIL NUMBER IR 5007 THAT MIN AG ATTEMPTING SHIFT LAND FROM COTTON INTO SOYBEANS. THEIR GOAL IS TO SHIFT 80,000 HECTARES THIS CROP YEAR. SINCE THIS IS NEW CROP TO IRANIAN FARMERS IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT MIN AG WILL ACHIEVE BUT A PART OF THEIR GOAL. MOST OF THE SHIFT WILL BE WITH SMALL FARMERS, FIVE HECTARES OR LESS, AND FROM PAST FIELD TRIPS IT APPEARS THAT SMALL PLOT PRODUCTION AVERAGES ABOUT ONE TON PER HECTARE. IN FINAL ANALYSIS, SUCCESS THIS PROGRAM DEPENDS ON INCOME RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS FROM SOYBEANS BERSUS INCOME THEY RECEIVED FROM PAST COTTON CROPS. WILL NOT BE ABLE DETERMINE HECTARES PLANTED TO SOYBEANS UNTIL MID-MAY.
- 2. PALNS ARE UNDERWAY TO ESTABLISH TWO LARGE SOYBEAN PROCESSING PLANTS BY THE PARS GROUP AND BEHSHAR GROUP. BOTH COMPANIES PLAN TO HAVE AMERICAN FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION. PLANNED SITES ARE ON PERSIAN GULF AND WILL BE AN ADJUNCT OF THE AGRICULTURE PORT.
- 3. ALTHOUGH MINAG INITIATED ACTION ON PROPOSED SOYBEAN CRUSHING FACILITIES, THIS FUNCTION NOW SHIFTED TO MIN COMMERCE AND MIN ROADS. THESE PLANNED FACILITIES WILL USE IMPORTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. CASPIAN AREA BEAN PRODUCTION WILL BE PROCESSED BY CON- VERTING COTTONSEED CRUSHING FACILITIES TO SOYBEAN CAPABIL- ITIES. MIKLOS
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